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In re application of:
ANDREW J TOTI
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WINDOW COVER SYSTEM**

Classification:
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant claims small entity status.

It is respectfully requested that this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) be entered by the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and that consideration by the USPTO examiner of the approximately seventeen (17) documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record.

This INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits and, accordingly, it is believed this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT is entitled to consideration without payment of any fee. However, in the event the Commissioner determines any fees are

required, including the fee(s) set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such small entity fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account 04-0039 (ref.: 50416.2).

We are not enclosing copies of 16 of the 17 documents cited herein (a copy of one cited document, US 6,601,637, is enclosed--see below), because it is believed these 16 documents comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.98(d). Specifically, it is believed each of these documents complies with 37 CFR 1.98(d)(1) in that each document was cited in one or both grandparent application USSN 09/078,427, and parent application USSN 09/846,500, which previous applications are relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C 120; and the information disclosures in the previous applications comply with 37 CFR 1.98(d)(2), in that the 16 documents were cited in the earlier applications by the Office in PTO-892 and/or by applicant in information disclosures in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)-(c).

Enclosed is a copy of cited document, US patent 6,601,637. This patent, which issued from USSN 09/846,500, the parent of the present application, is being cited to ensure the examiner has complete information regarding the history of the present application.

It is believed that this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT complies with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and the relevant sections of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Any comments included here are offered as an initial aid to the Examiner. Our discussion, however, is not intended to take the place of the Examiner's complete consideration of each listed document. The filing of this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT should not be construed to be an admission that the information in this STATEMENT is, or is considered to be, material to patentability.

The Examiner is requested to independently consider each document to the full extent that it may be material to the present application.

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The cited documents are not necessarily analogous art.

Respectfully submitted,
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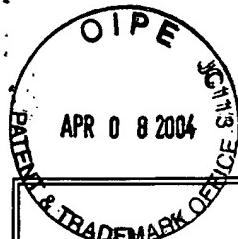
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	1,056,294	6/1979	Canada	160	199	
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